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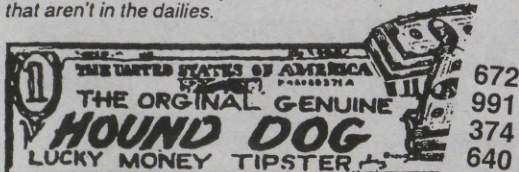
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It will be the first class of police recruits since July 1999, when 89 members of the 106th Recruit Class graduated from the Academy.

"We hope to have our newest class of police officers on the streets in time for the holiday season," James said.



Promoted Sergeants— Joseph M. Bezak, Jerry Calabrese, Kenneth E. Dougherty, Robert J. Kowalski, Luke Laterza, Ivonne J. Valentine, Palmer A. Wheeler-Weaver and John Zutic.

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Although we might be African American, Latino or whatever – when the shortages come (as a result of the war) it may be just what you need or enjoyed all your life for your family.

Many of you were not here during World War II when gas, milk, butter, meat (which some claim was horse meat) was rationed.

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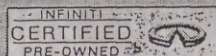
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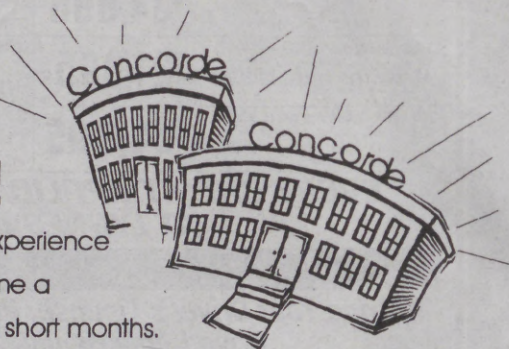
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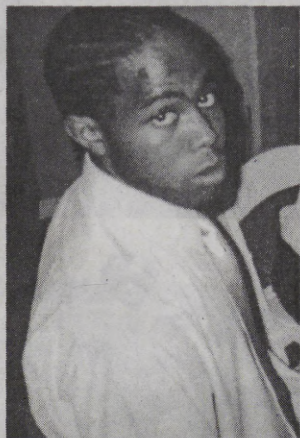
So, on Sunday July 14, 2001, with their family in New Jersey, they married in East Orange, NJ and had a reception at the bride’s sister’s home in South Jersey – Mrs. Joy Smith.

Joy Smith with family and friends.



Sister of the bride, Joy Smith, Bride, Michele Shellberg, and Matron of Honor, cousin, Juanita Marsh.

Below: Daughter of bride, Gabrielle Hutchinson



a cousin



Eunice Barrett

Cousin,
Juanita
Marsh and
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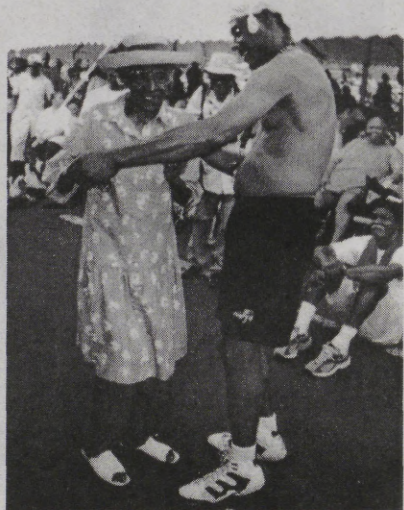
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SHE'S STILL GOT IT- Swinging senior with a young man... doing the do (smiles)



AND THE LADY...READY TO PARTEE! the female singer in the band.



WELCOME TO BOBBY- Mayor Sharpe James presents Bobby Blue Bland with a commemorative plaque from the City of Newark as Rev. Levin B. West looks on.

DANCIN' to Bobby Blue Bland's sounds




HEY, WAIT A MINUTE- ain't that 'Brotha Man' from Martin's TV show? Nah... just part of the crowd under the tent on a hot day coolin' it!



Mike Brown and Dad eating at Hobby's Restaurant... Wow! didn't the summer slip away fast? **Absolut** with its **Sounds of the City** at NJPAC gave us some wonderful memories – the girls, the pretty, legs, faces and busts had men in the downtown area-offices smiling and talking, and smiling... 'Tis said that **Hilton Davis** is improving – proving once again, that prayer to **God** helps... **Lorraine Lavender's** one of the most talked about travel persons in the tri-state area and also the editor of a travel newspaper – smiles... Will they open up **Lottie's Restaurant** again up on **527 William St. East, Orange, NJ**... Many folks in New Jersey are aware that we have a shoe designer in New York City up on West 125th Street who can copy or make any kind of shoe that your desire. His name is **Sandy Edison Murry**... **Mayor Bowser** of East Orange has a top person at his side all the time, that's **Ms. Kathy Willis**... If you have backaches or need diagnostic testing, call or visit **Dr. Thomas M. Haveron** at 215 Harrison Ave., Harrison, NJ, phone # 973-482-1600... It's any day now for **Juanita E. Thompson**, (we say boy wins) – smiles... If **Jimmy Scott**, the 'songbird of the century' arrives in Newark any time soon, our staff intends to interview him... Glad to hear that **Linda** who files for the company whose those planes were destroyed, was not working

that week. Linda and Ron are well and doing fine... **Carlton Keys** living in Howell Lake, Florida, doing great in real estate with three pieces of property – smiles... to **Carletta Mitchell**, once president and commissioner of the **Concerned Black Nurses Association**: Happy Birthday... **Dee Dee Bridgewater's** now a family member of radio station **WBGO FM 88** – straight great!... Has anyone realized that the **Churchman Funeral Home** has been in business over a hundred and two years? They really **OWN** their **BUSINESS**, too. **Calvin and Audrey West** were guests in their box at Giants' Stadium, Suite 425B in S Tower, recently – great!... Welcome back to **Michael Jordan**. He's joining his team the **Washington Wizards**. Look for him to give some 'hands-on' teaching to his young charges. There's nothing like "do as I do, not as I say". I look for them to make a playoff berth by the 2003-2004 season.

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Mrs. Burch and her husband were at the forefront of many Newark-based organizations. She was a prominent figure on the Newark Board of Education.

Mr. & Mrs. Burch started the Leaguers Inc. for neighborhood teenagers out of the basement of their Newark home. They soon outgrew the space, and eventually purchased a former supermarket building on Clinton Avenue for its new home. The couple paid the Leaguers' expenses themselves until the 1980s, when they received their first grant - \$50,000 from the city of Newark.



BURCH

"The Leaguers' implemented programs for young people decades before the federal government ever thought of them" said Rep Donald Payne (D-10th Dist.), New Jersey's first black congressman. "Without her help, I would not have been able to go to college. She saw to it that I received a full scholarship to Seton Hall and lined up part-time jobs for me during my days at Seton Hall. To all of us, she was 'Ma Burch.'" Some other notable Leaguers who made a name for themselves were Singer Dionne Warwick, and Hazel O'Leary, secretary of energy under Bill Clinton.

Mrs. Burch became a founder of Essex County College in Newark and served on the board of trustees for 10 years, including terms as vice chairperson and chairperson. The Mary Burch Theater at ECC is named in honor of Mrs. Burch. A dormitory at Kean University in Union Township also is named for her. Several scholarships also carry her name.

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MRS. AMELIA STEWARD'S OBITUARY

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"NEW JERSEY PARENTS OF THE YEAR 2001"

The New Jersey Parents' Day Council's Selection Committee, a project of the American Family Coalition chose Mrs. & Mrs. Charles Bell of Newark as the "New Jersey Parents of the Year 2001."

As part of the project "National Parents' of the Year" they joined with other honorees to receive the prestigious Award at the seventh annual Congressional Parents' Day Celebration Dinner.

Every year since the unanimously adopted resolution by the U. S. Congress was signed into law in 1994 declaring the fourth Sunday of every July be observed as Parents' Day, the New Jersey Parents' Day Council has honored one outstanding couple to be selected as the "New Jersey Parents of the Year." The Bell's are among 35 such couples who, along with the National Parents of the Year 2001, were honored at the Congressional Parents' Day Celebration, in Washington, D.C.. They were chosen from a list of candidates considered by an interfaith, multiracial and nonpartisan Selection Committee composed of clergy, elected officials, business and community leaders.

"It is indeed a great honor that our State's Parents of the Year, **Charles and Lillie Bell**, are among the outstanding couples to be honored at this reception for representing the finest qualities in parenting and we believe that they serve as role models for our fellow citizens in our great State," said congressman Payne.

Profile

Charles and Lillian Bell have been married for 37 years and have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren. Charles was formerly employed as a chemist. However, a

veteran of the civil rights movement, he responded to a calling to public service and has since served as the president of the Newark Board of Education, president of the Newark Housing Authority Scholarship Fund, and vice president of Project Pride.

Mr. Bell has recently announced his intention to become a candidate for Newark's City Council, representing the Central Ward.

In the political arena, he has worked to improve the conditions of education for disadvantaged children, promote minority enterprises, and engender economic development.

A teacher by profession, **Lillian** likewise has offered multifaceted community service, including serving as a youth counselor for a neighborhood organization and launching the Mamas, Inc., a group that awards annual scholarships to Newark students for continued education and to teachers' aides who want to pursue teaching careers. In addition, she co-founded a theater/drama club for inner-city youths, which has sparked the talents and dreams of many young people.

PROGRAM

Reverend Walter Fauntroy, former Washington D.C. representative; former U.S. Senator Robert Dole gave the inspirational Keynote Address; Congressman (10th District, NJ) Donald Payne, and Tony Award-winning recording artist Melba Moore, (who gave an outstanding performance), along with a bipartisan group of 100 members of Congress were among the many dignitaries attending this special evening.



PHOTOS (clockwise):

**Rev. Fauntroy and
Charles Bell;**

Mr. & Mrs. Bell;

**Mr. Charles and Mrs.
Lillian Bell honored as
"NJ's Parents of the
Year, 2001";**

**Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bell
with U.S. Congressman
Donald Payne;**

**Charles and Lillian
with Melba Moore.**

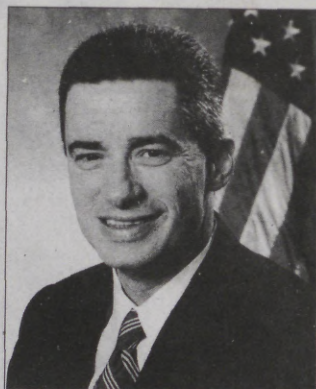


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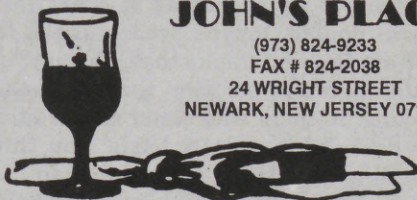
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SHADOW KNOWS...

The Shadow expresses his sincere condolences to the families who recently lost loved ones due to the World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies. It kind of makes some of the 'carrying-ons' that some of us go through seem so very unimportant, doesn't it?... I hope some folks begin to realize that if they think times are hard now – just wait until we get it going on and start retaliating with our military strikes. They'll be shortages of everything, prices will double, maybe even triple. I feel sorry for anyone who thinks that life's 'just one big gettin' high and partying time'.... Note to those young brothers who stand on the street corners dealing on a daily basis: you think you're hiding something from the 'man', but you all stand out like sore thumbs, and then when the neighbors phone the narcs, they tell where you hide your stashes... The Christal Champagne Company should make a huge

donation to the community, 'cause the Bros sure buy enough of it when they want to show off their new-found wealth. And, don't forget the BMW, Lexus, and Q dealers – talk about getting over. How is it that a young brother (*who doesn't even have a Social Security card*) have the cash money to walk into a dealer's showroom and drive out with a brand new 2002 car? Oh, by the way, I hear the auto manufacturers are making the back seats of their luxury cars into beds – in case you don't keep up the with the payments on your other bills, at least you'll have a place to sleep.

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